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SUBJECT: GOB NOTIFICATION OF DUMPING INVESTIGATION: METHYL  
METHACRYLATE

1. Post received a letter dated April 13, 2004 from the Department of Commercial Defense of the Ministry of Development, Industry and Foreign Trade's Secretariat of Foreign Trade (SECEX) notifying the USG of the receipt of a petition from the Brazilian company Proquigel Quimica S.A. requesting the opening of a dumping investigation regarding the importation of U.S. origin methyl methacrylate. The letter states that Ministry officials determined that the petition met the necessary Brazilian requirements and a case number MDIC/SECEX/RJ N.52100.000112/2004-78 was opened. The letter requests the addresses of the following U.S. companies, identified as exporters to Brazil of methyl methacrylate: CyRo Industries, Ineos Acrylics Inc., Lucite International Inc. and Multicolor Inc.

2. Post received a subsequent letter dated April 27, 2004 notifying the USG of the opening of a dumping, damage and causal relation investigation of U.S. origin methyl methacrylate exported to Brazil. Post received a copy of the petition and the April 20, 2004 SECEX circular publicly opening the investigation as attachments to the letter. The letter notes that questionnaires were sent to the following companies: CyRo Industries, Ineos Acrylics UK Limited, Lucite International Inc., Multicolor Inc. and Rohm and Hass Texas Inc. Post had not responded to the first letter's request for company addresses before receiving the second letter. The April 27 letter also asks that Post inform the Ministry of any other U.S. companies that exported methyl methacrylate to Brazil during the period under investigation, April 2003 to March 2004.

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